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Clara Jones, center with headband, touches sea creatures in a traveling tidepool at the Menifee Wildlife Appreciation Day Event on March 14th in Central Park.

SCORCHING RECORD- SETTING **HEAT** TO CONTINUE INTO WEEKEND

RIVERSIDE - The heat that has been sizzling the Inland Empire during the week is expected to continue today and through Saturday, before conditions begin to ease.

“There will continue to be widespread records tied or broken for

record high temperatures and record warm low temperatures,” according to the National Weather Service. “There will also be a growing number of monthly records for heat for March that will also be tied or broken.

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Stunning Allegations Against Labor Rights Icon Cesar Chavez Lead to Cancellation of Celebrations

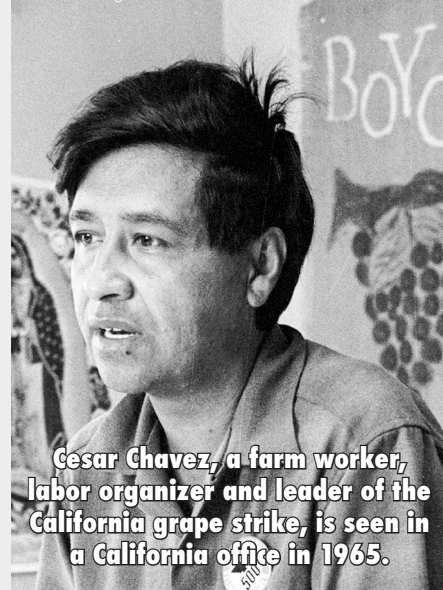
By FERNANDA FIGUEROA
Associated Press

The United Farm Workers union has distanced itself from annual celebrations of its founder, Cesar Chavez, amid what it said were troubling but unspecified allegations.

In a statement Tuesday, the union said allegations of “abuse of young women or minors” were concerning enough to urge people around the country to participate in immigration justice events or acts of service instead of the typical events in March to commemorate Chavez’s legacy.

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Cesar Chavez, a farm worker, labor organizer and leader of the California grape strike, is seen in a California office in 1965.

AUDIT FINDS ‘COMPLIANCE CONCERNS’ AT VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

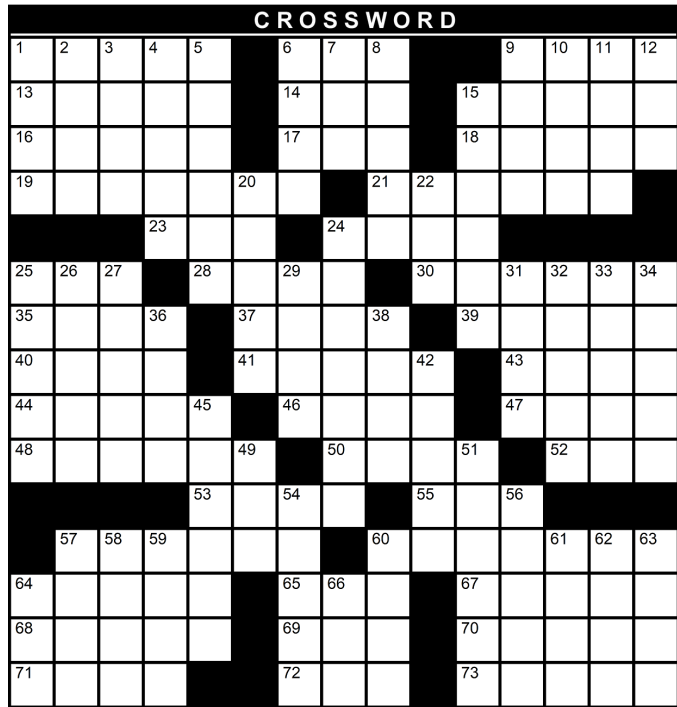
PERRIS (CNS) - A comprehensive audit of the Val Verde Unified School District in Perris that was prompted by actions connected to an overseas education program uncovered “serious compliance concerns,” according to findings published Wednesday.

“Our responsibility is to safeguard the integrity of public education and ensure that taxpayer resources are used lawfully and transparently,” Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Edwin Gomez said. “This

audit identified serious concerns that merit further review by the appropriate authorities. We will continue to act with integrity, follow the law and ensure the interests of students and the public remain at the center of every decision.”

According to the county Office of Education, the audit, which was authorized under provisions of the state Education Code, followed revelations of a “concerning relationship” between VVUSD and Pegasus California School in Qingdao, China.

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15. Part of a whole
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17. Rainbow, e.g.
18. Not mainstream, as in art
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25. _____ the season!
28. Ready and eager
30. "Reader's _____" magazine
35. "Do _____ others..."
37. Rubber bulb on an old bike
39. "Lord of the Flies" shell
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43. *The corpse flower emits a foul one
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46. EU money
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48. Fish food unit
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53. Fat Man or Little Boy
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Nuevo School Psychologist Charged in Youth Predator Sting

RIVERSIDE - A school psychologist snared in an undercover sting targeting suspected sexual predators in the Inland Empire, where he allegedly sought personal contact with an individual whom he thought was a teenager, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to felony charges.

Paul Ryan Coleman, 46, of Yucaipa was arrested last week following a three-month investigation by the Riverside County Child Exploitation Team, comprised of law enforcement personnel from multiple agencies.

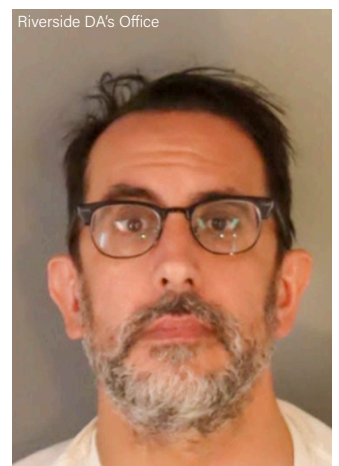
Coleman is charged with three felonies including "Attempted Child molestation" and "Arranging to Meet a

Minor for Sex." He was arraigned Tuesday before Superior Court Judge Gail O'Rane, who scheduled a felony settlement conference for March 26 at the Riverside Hall of Justice.

Coleman is being held in lieu of \$30,000 bail at the Byrd Detention Center.

According to the District Attorney's Office, last fall, the defendant allegedly initiated communications via social media with a person he assumed to be a 13-year-old girl.

The agency alleged he "exchanged hundreds of sexually explicit messages with an undercover investigator"



Nuevo school psychologist Paul Ryan Coleman of Yucaipa is charged with three felonies for soliciting a minor.

who was posing as the child online.

On Thursday afternoon,
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24. Throw out of kilter
25. *It once was more valuable than gold
26. Absurd
27. Static picture
29. *U. S. national flower
31. Gwyneth Paltrow's brand
32. Empower
33. Open disrespect
34. *Leaves of _____, let them be
36. Non-written exam
38. Infamous Roman tyrant
42. Space exploration vehicle

45. Like duck's foot
49. Likewise
51. Pencil tip
54. *Covered with sphagnum
56. Beyond's partner
57. Pulpit predecessor
58. Affirm with confidence
59. Darn a sock, e.g.
60. Nursemaid, in India
61. Wraths
62. One-tenth of a dime
63. Liberal pursuits
64. Blood testing site
66. *Camellia sinensis drink

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Prices Forecast to Trend Higher amid Impacts of Mideast War

RIVERSIDE (CNS) - Pocketbook pressures are likely to increase noticeably throughout the Inland Empire and elsewhere as the effects of steadily rising energy prices stemming from the Middle East war start to weigh on consumer goods and services, according to published reports.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics will not publish the Inland Empire's bimonthly regional Consumer Price Index, which tracks a broad range of costs, until April 10, but national trends already point to elevated inflation.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's "Inflation Nowcasting" metric for personal consumption expenditures showed a nearly half-percentage-point rise in recent weeks. That follows publication of the nationwide CPI released by the BLS Wednesday, showing a .3% growth in consumer costs for February.

Since the reported joint U.S.-Israel military operation that sparked fighting with Iran on Feb. 28 after a girls' school was bombed and the nation's supreme leader was assassinated, oil prices have shot up significantly. The per-barrel spot price on West Texas Intermediate Crude, a popular domestic benchmark for gauging energy futures contracts, reached \$98 on Friday -- 40% above the price on Feb. 27 -- according to OilPrice.com and Marketwatch.com.

The higher oil prices are feeding into all petroleum products, most notably gas costs. As of Friday, the nationwide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel was \$3.63, compared to \$2.94 a month ago, according to AAA. The service said California's average is \$5.42, compared to \$4.56 a month ago. In Riverside County, it's

\$5.35 per gallon, compared to \$4.45 a month ago.

The energy component of inflation bears a broad influence. Not only are transportation costs impacted, but all petroleum-based products, including plastics, tires, asphalt and pharmaceuticals.

The all-time record spot price of a barrel of crude oil in the U.S. occurred in July 2008, when it hit \$147.27, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

That was the same year the Great Recession took hold, culminating in the foreclosure crisis. Riverside County ranked among the top three locations for foreclosure activity in California over a two-year period. The Inland Empire as a whole was in the top 10 nationwide.

Kiplinger's columnist David Payne said this week that, "Even if the war ends and gasoline prices fall back to their prewar levels," inflation will remain elevated through the year. The exact extent was unknown.

A spokesman for Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya headquarters in Tehran is releasing statements daily, saying the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf will remain a target of the nation's military, with oil tankers -- except those from China and a few other countries -- not permitted to pass through. He's said the American public and Europeans shouldn't be surprised if oil prices climb to \$200 per barrel.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration has labeled the Strait of Hormuz a "critical oil chokepoint" internationally. Roughly 20% of global oil supplies flow through the Persian Gulf.

The Trump administration has scoffed at questions over whether Iran can exercise

complete control over the channel, with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth telling reporters Friday, "We have been dealing with it and don't ... worry about it."

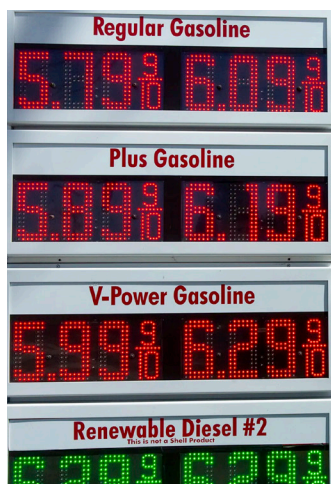
However, CNN reported Friday that sources within the administration had acknowledged the Pentagon and others had "significantly underestimated" the impacts of Iran's operations in the Strait of Hormuz.

There has been no clearly articulated U.S. exit strategy announced since fighting erupted.

U.S. Congressmen Mark Takano, D-Riverside, and Raul Ruiz, D-Palm Desert, have both expressed opposition to the Trump administration's decision to back Israel in waging "Operation Epic Fury," with Ruiz saying last week "there was no proof or evidence given to Congress and the American people of an imminent threat to the U.S."

Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, and Darrell Issa, R-Temecula, are in support of the campaign. Calvert said Iran's "regime has failed to divert from its violent path" of supporting terrorism and, therefore, deserved to be attacked.

Gas prices at a station in Northridge on March 9, 2026. Gas prices have recently increased in the state as the U.S. war with Iran intensifies.



California Passed a Law to Curb Spikes in Gas Prices. *Why Isn't It Using Those Powers Now?*

BY ALEJANDRO LAZO, CalMatters

Three years ago, California built a first-in-the-nation system aimed at protecting drivers when oil markets turn calamitous. The Legislature passed it. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it. He proclaimed "California took on Big Oil and won."

Its author, then-Sen. Nancy Skinner called it a "landmark law" that "will allow us to hold oil companies accountable if they pad their profits at the expense of hard-working families."

But the law — which gave regulators the power to cap refinery profits and penalize oil companies for price gouging — has never been used. Instead, last year, the California Energy Commission voted to delay the rules for five years. Skinner — who wrote the law as a Senator — was absent when her own commission voted to delay it.

Now, with gas topping \$5.30 a gallon statewide, that decision is under a new spotlight. The Iran war has sent global oil prices soaring — but the war is only part of the story. California has a structural problem: fewer refineries, a captive market and no easy outside supply options. When prices rise

nationally, they can rise even more here.

Proponents say this is precisely the moment the 2023 law was designed for. The commissioners last year left the door open to rescind the delay — and move forward with the rule before the five years — if they change their minds.

"These are the moments we need them, because when the price of a commodity goes through the roof — be it crude oil or refined gasoline — that's when companies make outrageous profits," said Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog.

But those who backed the delay argue it was a necessary concession — that penalizing refiners risked driving them out of the state entirely. It's a tension that cuts to the heart of California's energy predicament: how to protect consumers today from an industry the state can't yet afford to lose, while still making good on its promise to leave that industry behind.

California's unused gas-price tools

When the California Energy Commission met last August Newsom was already retreating from his confrontation with the oil industry. The question before commissioners was whether to move ahead with aggressive rules targeting refinery profits — or step back, as the governor was doing.

It was a sharp reversal. Newsom had declared special legislative sessions in 2022 and 2024, pushing through sweeping new powers to curb gasoline price spikes — including requirements



Photo by Zin Chiang for CalMatters

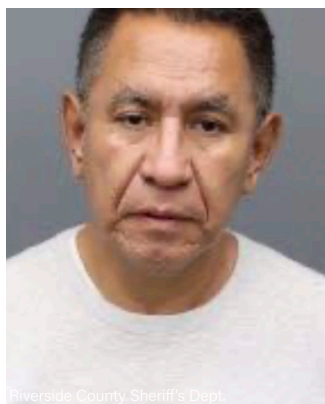
Perris Foster Dad Accused of Molesting Girls May Have Assaulted Others

RIVERSIDE (CNS) - A Perris foster parent accused of molesting two girls for nearly a decade may have abused other children, prompting authorities Friday to ask anyone with information to come forward.

Napoleon Cerda, 57, was arrested last month following a Riverside County Sheriff's Department investigation.

Cerda is charged with three counts of lewd acts on a minor, two counts of sexual assault of a child under 10 years old and one count of annoying a minor, as well as sentence-enhancing allegations of targeting more than one person in sex crimes.

He pleaded not guilty during an arraignment last week, after which Superior Court Judge Gail O'Rane scheduled a felony settlement conference for May 13 at the Riverside Hall of Justice,



Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.

setting Cerda's bail at \$1 million.

The defendant is being held at the Byrd Detention Center in Murrieta.

Sheriff's Sgt. Jeff Fisher said in a statement Thursday that detectives "believe there may be additional victims" who haven't contacted authorities, and anyone with details or further allegations was asked to reach out to the sheriff's Perris station at 951-210-1000.

The recently filed charges

against Cerda stem from a series of alleged encounters going back to 2017, according to court papers.

Fisher said the alleged molestations occurred during the period in which the defendant was a "foster father" of the two victims, whose identities were not disclosed. Cerda may have later formally adopted the youths, though details were unclear.

The specific circumstances behind the alleged assaults were not disclosed.

After gathering sufficient evidence based on the alleged victims' statements, Cerda was taken into custody without incident in Murrieta on Feb. 27.

Court records indicated a prior felony conviction from 2023, but the offense wasn't listed.

controls, fiscal oversight and the potential for unlawful financial practices associated with the district's international program," according to the summary. "These findings are based on documented evidence reviewed during the audit and are subject to further review and determination."

The Office of Education said that, along with the VVUSD governing board, the Office of the State Controller, administrators for the California Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office had been informed of the findings.

"The Office of Education ... remains committed to ensuring appropriate corrective actions are taken where warranted," according to the agency.

Home Sales Tick Up in County But Great Uncertainty Looms

RIVERSIDE (CNS) - Home sales rose last month in the Inland Empire and statewide as slightly more favorable mortgage rates encouraged buyers to enter the market, the California Association of Realtors announced Tuesday.

In the Inland Empire, sales were up 9% from last month, but down 3.7% from last year, while in Riverside County sales were up 20% from January but down 4% from February of 2025.

"Following a soft start to the year, the housing market regained momentum in February, with both sales and prices showing solid gains," CAR President Tamara Suminski said in a statement. "The conflict in the Middle East is creating some uncertainty for the broader economy and financial markets, which could lead to some short-term hesitation in the housing market. We remain hopeful though that the situation will stabilize in the weeks ahead, allowing

market fundamentals and buyer and seller confidence to reassert themselves."

In the Inland Empire, the average price rose 1.1% in February to \$601,350, 1.6% lower than February 2025. Riverside County's average price was down 1.3% last month to \$631,000, which is 2.4% lower than one year ago.

"While mortgage rates remain below year-ago levels, they recently jumped to their highest level in seven months and could temper buyer momentum as we head into the spring homebuying season," CAR Senior Vice President and Chief Economist Jordan Levine said. "However, many homeowners remain locked in to historically low rates, and inventory remains tight, so any stabilization in rates could help bolster home prices in the spring market despite ongoing affordability and economic challenges."

Val Verde

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In a statement released to City News Service Wednesday afternoon, VVUSD said, "The district has fully complied with the audit process regarding Val Verde's partnership with Pegasus California School from 2016-2020. We remain focused on providing transparency and continuing to serve our students, families and community."

The Office of Education retained the Los Angeles law firm founded by former U.S. District Judge Stephen G. Larson to scrutinize the district's operations. Larson's staff also previously handled a substantial audit of the county's Department of Child Protective Services.

Officials said the VVUSD probe began after evidence surfaced that high school diplomas had been approved by the district for non-resident students at the Chinese school. There were also indications of potential malfeasance and conflicts of interest, according to the Office of Education.

Larson's findings resulted in a narrative spanning more than 1,000 pages, which the Office of Education condensed to a single-page executive summary.

"The audit identified serious compliance concerns," the summary stated, affirming evidence pointing to the likely issuance of diplomas to "students who did not meet applicable legal or residency requirements."

"There was evidence raising concerns regarding internal



FRIDAY, March 20, 2026

Today in History:

Today is the 79th day of 2026.
There are 286 days left in the year.

By The Associated Press

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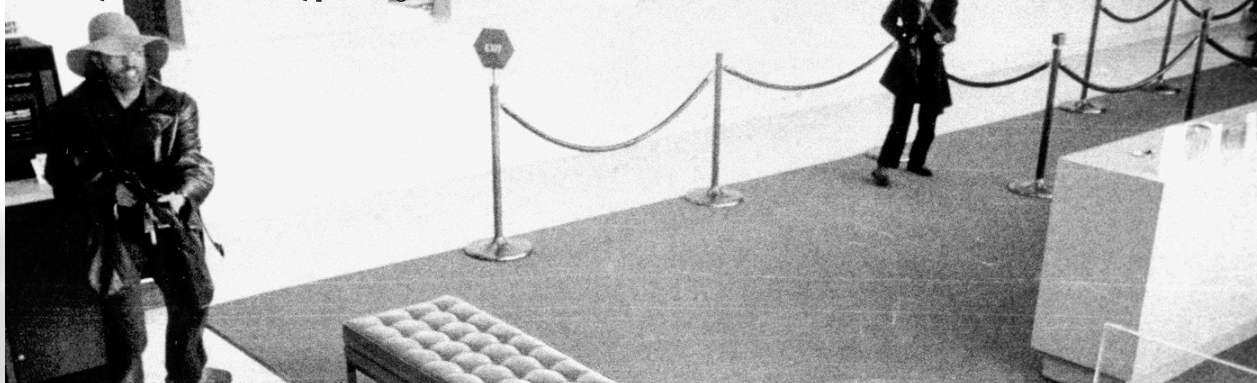
On March 20, 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison; she was released after serving 22 months and was pardoned in 2001 by President Bill Clinton.

Also on this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized in the

Hearst, on the right, yelling commands at bank customers; SLA founder Donald DeFreeze, in the hat on the left, points a gun towards the victims.



abolitionist newspaper The National Era; it would become the bestselling novel of the 19th century.

In 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by opponents of slavery at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin.

In 1987, azidothymidine (AZT) became the first medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat HIV/AIDS.

In 1995, in Tokyo, packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were opened and dispersed on five separate subway trains in a terror attack by

members of the Aum Shinrikyo cult, causing 14 deaths and injuring more than 1,000.

In 1996, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their wealthy parents. (They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

In 2014, President Barack Obama ordered economic sanctions against nearly two dozen members of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle and a major bank that provided them support, raising the stakes in an East-West showdown over Ukraine.

In 2016, President Barack Obama began a three-day visit to communist Cuba during which he met with President Raul Castro and delivered a speech carried on Cuban state television. The visit marked the first to Cuba by a U.S. president in nearly 90 years during efforts to normalize relations between the Cold War-era foes.

In 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin warmly welcomed Chinese leader Xi Jinping to the Kremlin, sending a powerful message to Western leaders that their efforts to isolate Moscow over the fighting in Ukraine had fallen short.

Chavez

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The union said it has not received any direct reports of abuse and does not have any firsthand knowledge of the allegations. Neither the union nor the Cesar Chavez Foundation responded to requests from The Associated Press for further comment.

"Some of the reports are family issues, and not our story to tell or our place to comment on," the union said in its statement.

Several Cesar Chavez celebrations in San Francisco, Texas and Chavez's home state of Arizona were can-

celed at the request of the foundation, which also said it's become aware of disturbing allegations about Chavez during his time as president of the union. Organizers of canceled events did not immediately respond to the AP's requests for comment.

Both groups said they'd be working to establish ways for anyone who might have been harmed by Chavez to share experiences confidentially.

"These allegations have been profoundly shocking," the union statement said. "We need some time to get this right, including to ensure robust, trau-

ma-informed services are available to those who may need it."

California became the first state to establish March 31, Chavez's birthday, as a day commemorating the labor leader. Others followed. In 2014, then-President Barack Obama proclaimed March 31 as national Cesar Chavez Day, urging Americans to honor his legacy.

Streets, schools and parks bear Chavez's name. Born in Yuma, Arizona, Chavez grew up in a Mexican-American family that traveled around California picking lettuce, grapes, cotton and other seasonal

crops. He died in California in 1993 at age 66.

Chavez is known nationally for his early organizing in the fields, a hunger strike, a grape boycott and eventual victory in getting growers to negotiate with farmworkers for better wages and working conditions.

In 1962, Chavez and Dolores Huerta co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which became the United Farm Workers of America.

Farmworkers are crucial to agribusiness in California, which grows nearly half the nation's fruits, nuts

and vegetables.

Chavez protested against poor pay and often-miserable work conditions. There were no toilets in the fields for workers, who weeded fields with short-handled hoes that forced them to bend over for hours at a time.

Bosses frequently ignored the health and wages of their workers, many of whom were Spanish-speakers in the country temporarily or illegally and had little political or legal clout to prevent abuses.

Perris is home to the Cesar E. Chavez Library.

Heat Wave

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An extreme heat warning will be in effect for the Coachella Valley and San Geronio Pass until 8 p.m. Saturday. A heat advisory

is in effect for the Riverside metropolitan area until 8 p.m. Friday.

Forecasters advised the public to "drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room (and) stay out of the sun."

"Do not leave young children and pets in unattended vehicles," the weather service said. "Car interiors will reach lethal temperatures in a matter of minutes. Take extra precautions when outside."

"Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing. Try to limit strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Take action when you see symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke."

Today is the official start of spring.

A list of cooling centers throughout Riverside County can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4e3d3zfn>.

Lawmakers Tried to Kill California's Online Community College. Now It's Growing Rapidly



Christine Hume via Unsplash

BY ADAMECHELMAN,
CalMatters

Calbright College seemed doomed from the start. Just months after enrolling its first students in 2019, the online community college was under fire from faculty groups, and the state Assembly had agreed to shut it down. It had “poor management,” “ineffective and inappropriate hiring,” and “inadequate” support for students, a 2021 state audit found.

Yet Calbright College managed not only to soldier on but to grow.

Now it may be California's fastest-growing community college, based on tentative enrollment data comparing fall 2024 to fall 2025.

By the end of its first academic year in October 2020, just 12 students had finished their course of study out of more than 900 who had enrolled, the audit said. Now, Calbright has over 6,000 students and a much higher rate of completion, accord-

ing to the most recent data.

About 13% of students finish their studies in a reasonable amount of time, which for Calbright's short-term certificate programs is usually about a year or less, according to Binh Thuy Do, the school's vice president of research and development. Those statistics put Calbright College roughly on par with the completion rates at the state's other 115 community colleges.

But comparing Calbright, which is completely online, to any traditional brick-and-mortar school is challenging not only because it lacks a physical campus but also because it uses a significantly different education model.

Based on what is known as competency-based education, Calbright courses are designed so that students can pass whenever they prove they know the material, whether that takes weeks or years. Calbright students can enroll at any time and

study whenever they want by watching pre-recorded lectures or setting up meetings with professors. The college charges no tuition and uses only free online textbooks — a key difference from traditional community colleges, which usually operate on a semester basis and are only free for low-income students.

“The way that it's approaching higher ed and the students they serve, it's the model of the future,” said Su Jin Jez, the CEO of the research organization California Competes. Western Governors University, Arizona State University and Southern New Hampshire University — which also offer similar kinds of flexible, online courses — have grown rapidly in recent years to become some of the largest universities in the country.

In his initial budget proposal for the 2026–27 fiscal year, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed more than tripling Calbright's annual budget

from \$15 million per year to \$53 million. Faculty groups say California's community colleges are already offering similar courses to Calbright's and that the money could be better spent on existing initiatives.

How different is Calbright?

When Gov. Jerry Brown formed Calbright in 2018, it was explicitly designed to be different from existing community colleges. It only offers short-term, career-oriented certificate programs, rather than associate degrees. The idea was to attract students who don't usually access traditional higher education, often because of its cost. Calbright is specifically tasked with serving the millions of adults over 25 who don't already have a college degree. Early on, the college decided to be completely free, though its statute allows it to charge tuition like the rest of California's community colleges.

In some sense, Calbright has already succeeded in its mandate. Almost all of Calbright's more than 6,000 students are over the age of 25, and 44% are over the age of 40.

Deb Hemingway is 61 and a Calbright College student. Two years ago she was searching online for programs that could help her advance in her career or get a new job, when she saw a sponsored ad on Google for Calbright. “I thought it was a scam,” she said. “I thought, ‘This can't be free.’”

Hemingway enrolled in the data analysis program, one of the most popular courses. She kept her day job in retail merchandising, helping stores stay up-to-date on their inventory, and worked on the course primarily on weekends. She got her certificate in 10 months and

is now enrolled in another program focused on human resources.

Although students can complete their courses on their own schedule for up to three years, Calbright says many of its programs can be finished in less than a year. In reality, most students drop out, and those that remain often struggle to manage school along with the demands of a full- or part-time job and family obligations, such as kids or aging parents.

“My children are grown. There's no kids around, so it's just me,” Hemingway said. “But just because it's just me doesn't mean I don't have stressors in my life.” The rising price of food, gas, and other daily expenses — plus the pressures of her full-time job — made it difficult to study each week, she said.

Hemingway already has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, which is typical for many Calbright students but rare for most community college students.

Calbright under scrutiny, again and again

In the early years, Calbright always seemed on the brink of getting shut down or defunded by the Legislature. In 2020, the Assembly passed a budget that stripped the school of its funding. In 2021 and 2022, the Assembly passed bills to eliminate it, only for the Senate or the governor to quash the efforts. Legislative opposition has waned in recent years, though faculty groups still speak out against it.

“Our argument is the same that it's been since 2018 — this just isn't a necessary college,” said Stephanie Goldman, executive director of the Faculty Association

Bunny Coasters — Adding a Touch of Easter Charm to Any Table

Easter brunches, breakfasts, and get-togethers are what's on everyone's minds right now. The candy, the decor and especially who is hosting which event. Not only do cute coasters add an adorable touch to your table, but they also make great gifts to bring to an egg-s-tra special occasion.

What you need:

- At least 10 feet of jute rope
- Cardboard
- A pen or pencil
- Scissors
- A cup or glass (to trace)
- A hot glue gun
- Four glue sticks

How to make it:

Step 1: Plug in the hot glue gun

Step 2: Place the widest part of desired glass down on the cardboard — this is where the cups and mugs will sit.

Step 3: Trace with a pen or pencil.

Step 4: Draw bunny ears about as long as the main circle. Pointed ears are cute, but rounded ones will be easier to cover with rows of jute!

Step 5: Cut the outline with scissors.

Step 6: Squeeze about half an inch of hot glue at the bottom of the circle, then carefully press the jute rope onto it.

Step 7: Squeeze another half-inch to 1 of glue onto the cardboard, then press the rope onto it.

Step 8: Continue to repeat step 6 and 7 until the entire circle is covered with rope.

Step 9: Hot glue a small line onto the base of one of the ears and press the jute rope onto it.

Step 10: Similarly to steps

6 through 8, glue small amounts then press the jute rope onto the hot glue.

Step 11: Continue around the ear, working your way inward, until the entire ear is covered.

Step 12: Repeat steps 10 and 11 for the second ear.

Step 13: When the entire top is covered, squeeze a small line of hot glue along the side of the cardboard on the inside of one of the ears.

Step 14: Continue to glue and press in small sections all around the coaster until no cardboard is showing on the side.

Step 15: You're done!

Tip: When gluing the rope next to itself, push the rope into the adjacent layer to keep it as tight as possible — you don't want to see any cardboard!



Photo by Mia Rotell

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Dr. Jennifer Root, Menifee Union School District Superintendent, is mic'd up by Alan Marsala, Associate Professor & Chair of the Creative Media Department at Mt. San Jacinto College, before she gives a TED talk about the importance of understanding the underlying reason for student truancy, at the MSJC Studio in Menifee.



Alan Marsala prepares the Studio for Dr. Jennifer Root's TED talk.

REMINDERS OF HIM

By Bob Garver

use great judgement.

Author Colleen Hoover is apparently dominant in the genre of tearjerkers. She's best known for "It Ends With Us," about the upsetting subject of domestic violence. Now comes "Reminders of Him," which features both a death and a torn-apart family. It wants to inspire tears of sadness and sympathy, but the best it can manage is to bore me to tears.

The story follows Kenna (Maika Monroe), fresh out of prison after serving a seven-year sentence for vehicular manslaughter. She returns to her small Wyoming hometown, where the first thing she does is rip out the cross along the side of the road that memorializes her former lover Scotty (Rudy Pankow), the passenger she killed in a car crash while intoxicated. It's not malicious, she does it to honor Scotty, as "he hated memorials," though she doesn't seem to consider that memorials aren't "for" the deceased, they're for people in mourning. Then again, she's not one to always

Kenna's life is a mess. She can't get a job because of her criminal record, she can only stay in a lousy apartment by agreeing to take in one of the building owner's cats, and she has no legal right to see Diem (Zoe Kosovic), the six-year-old daughter she had with Scotty, probably conceived minutes before the fatal crash. She had to give birth in prison and never even got to hold her baby before she was whisked away to live with Scotty's parents (Lauren Graham and Bradley Whitford). She's looking for a way to become part of Diem's life, but all of her ideas involve acting like a crazy stalker, which isn't going to endear her to the child's grandparents, who already hate her for what she did to their son.

Kenna's search for a job leads her to a bar owned by failed football player Ledger (Tyriq Withers). The two flirt and he instantly develops feelings for her. Things get complicated when it is revealed that he was Scotty's

best friend growing up and is now heavily involved in raising Diem. They get even more complicated when he learns that she is Scotty's lover/killer and Diem's stalker/mother. He demands that she leave town, or at least not insert herself into Diem's life, but she has no intention of obeying. Besides, he doesn't really mean that he wants her to leave town, he's too smitten with her.

Kenna and Ledger form an uneasy business relationship that turns into a friendship that threatens to turn romantic. Can he learn to love the woman who took his best friend away from him? And how will this affect the close-as-family relationship he has with Diem and her grandparents? No doubt it will involve lying and eventually exposure, but will forgiveness be around the corner?

The film feels inexplicably stuffed with dragged-out scenes and unnecessary details. Kenna's first job as a grocery bagger doesn't really go anywhere, nor does Ledger not making much progress on a house he's building far outside of town. And we don't need a lengthy flashback to the night of the accident, everything has been sufficiently described in other parts of the movie. My theory is that a tight,



early draft of the script came in at only sixty minutes and the studio insisted that it be stretched out to ninety, but then someone overcorrected until it was this nearly-two-hour snoozefest. Either that or the Hoover novel itself is over-bloated, in which case the movie should have done more to tighten things up.

I'm not mad at "Reminders of Him" for being incompetent, just nonplussed that it's so unexciting. Other than being too long and dull, it's not even bad in an interesting way. By the end of the year,

I'll probably forget the very title of "that weepy mother-that-can't-see-her-daughter movie." And then I'll need a reminder of "Reminders of Him."

Grade: C-

"Reminders of Him" is rated PG-13 for sexual content, strong language, drug content, some violent content, and brief partial nudity. Its running time is 114 minutes.

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'Hoppers' Still No. 1 at Box Office with \$28.5M in Second Weekend

LOS ANGELES (CNS) - Pixar's "Hoppers" made \$28.5 million in its second weekend in theaters to lead all films in North America, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

The animated science fiction comedy was directed by Daniel Chong and features the voices of Piper Curda, Bobby Moynihan, Jon Hamm, Kathy Najimy and Dave Franco.

"Reminders of Him" opened with \$18.2 million to take second place, Comscore reported. The latest big-screen adaptation of a best-selling novel by Colleen Hoover, "Reminders of Him"

stars Maika Monroe and Tyriq Withers in a story about the romance between a woman who served seven years in prison for a car crash that killed her boyfriend and a former NFL player and local bartender.

Hoover's novels "It Ends with Us" and "Regretting You" were also turned into hit films in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

A24's low-budget horror film "Undertone" opened in third place with \$9.3 million.

"Scream 7" made \$8.3 million Friday through

Sunday in its third weekend, followed by "GOAT," which grossed another \$4.7 million in its fifth weekend.

Director Maggie Gyllenhaal's horror romance "The Bride" took in \$2.1 million for sixth place, one week after opening with a disappointing \$7.2 million.

Rounding out the top 10 releases were "Kiki's Delivery Service 4K" (\$1.668 million), "Wuthering Heights" (\$1.665), "TMNT II: The Secret of the Ooze 35th Anniversary" (\$1.4 million) and "Crime 101" (\$1.1 million).

This weekend's overall three-day box office haul was estimated at \$84 million. The year-to-date total is \$1.411 billion -- up 15.15% from the figure at this time last year, according to Comscore.

It's a Little Taste of Hawaii in a Pie. Coconut Custard Meets Pineapple Upside-Down Topping

By STACEY MEI YAN
FONG Associated Press

When I think of Hawaii, I think of coconut trees softly swaying above white beaches with big blue waves crashing against the shore, and I think of the many days I spent swimming and drying off in the sun while eating pineapple. I have tried to capture these feelings with this pie from my cookbook "50 Pies, 50 States."

A popular dessert in Hawaii is haupia, or coconut custard, which is the main component of my pie, paired with pineapple to set it apart. This coconut cream pie has a graham cracker crust, a pineapple upside-down cake topping and a little '60s flair.

The cold-set pie can be made a day in advance, but don't make the pineapple topping until you are ready to serve!

Coconut Cream Pie with Pineapple Upside-Down Topping

Servings: one 10-inch pie

Equipment

10-inch cast-iron or other circular oven-safe pan
Ingredients

CRUST

Store-bought or homemade
Graham Cracker Crust

Filling

1 cup unsweetened coconut flakes
1 (13.5-ounce) can coconut milk
1 ½ cups heavy cream
3 large egg yolks
¾ cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup cornstarch
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN TOPPING

¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 (8-ounce) can sliced pineapple in pineapple juice
7 maraschino cherries

Directions

Make the Filling: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the coconut in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment. Toast the coconut in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, tossing every 5 minutes and making sure it doesn't burn, until the coconut is golden brown. In a medium saucepan, combine the coconut milk, cream, egg yolks, granulated sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until very thick, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and add the toasted coconut and vanilla. Let

cool slightly before filling the pie.

Fill the pie: Pour the filling into the baked graham cracker crust and smooth the top with a spatula. Chill the pie in the fridge for 2 to 4 hours, until the filling is set.

Make the Topping: Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a cast-iron or oven-safe 10-inch pan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the brown sugar and blend. Arrange seven pineapple slices in the pan, covering the bottom. Place a cherry in the center of each ring. Bake for 30 minutes, until the pineapple is caramelized, checking every 10 minutes to make sure the pineapple caramelizes but does not burn.

Finish the Pie: This is tricky. Take the chilled pie and place it upside down in the cast-iron skillet; the top of the pie should touch the pineapple mixture. Turn a plate upside down and place on the bottom of the pie, then flip everything over in one swift motion, setting the pie on the counter on the plate. Carefully remove the skillet; if a pineapple slice or cherry sticks to the skillet, just use a fork to move it to the top of the pie. Let the topping cool slightly and then slice and serve!



By Connor Forbes

PICKLED SERRANO PEPPERS

I am a huge fan of pickles. Pickled cucumber, pickled onions, pickled cabbage. Put it all in my belly. So, when my wife came home from the store with materials to make salsa, and about 20 extra serrano peppers, my first thought was "omg that's a lot of serrano peppers." And my second thought was, "I should pickle them." And so, I did. I made about a 32-ounce jar full of pickled serrano with a bit of red onion. The purple from the red onion adds a pretty splash of color. And everyone knows that if your food looks pretty it is going to taste better.

Ingredients

- 20 serrano peppers
- 1 red onion, half moon slices
- 1 cup distilled vinegar
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar

- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp sugar

To Make

In a small saucepan combine the apple cider and distilled vinegar with the salt and sugar. Bring to a simmer. While the vinegar is heating up, slice your serrano's into 1/4-inch coins. Slice your onion and garlic as well and place into a 32-ounce mason jar. Once the vinegar has simmered for a minute and the salt and sugar are dissolved, pour hot vinegar over the serrano, onions, and garlic and cap. Let cool on the counter then place in your fridge. Eat immediately or over the course of a couple of weeks. ENJOY!

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YOUNG KIDS MISSED THE PANDEMIC'S SCHOOL DISRUPTIONS. THEIR READING SCORES ARE STILL BEHIND

By MORIAH BALINGIT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — When COVID-19 wrought havoc on society in early 2020, today's youngest schoolchildren were infants or yet to be born. Now in their early school years, researchers are beginning to see how the pandemic years have shaped their education, even though many had yet to set foot in a classroom when it began.

First and second graders continue to perform worse than their pre-pandemic counterparts on math and reading tests, according to a report published Tuesday by the education assessment and research group NWEA. But while math scores have inched up every year, reading scores remain stagnant, the report shows. The data suggests the slump in academic performance is not rooted only in instructional disruption. Broader societal shifts might be at play.

In the youngest students' failure to recover, "there's something kind of systemic here happening ... within schools and outside of schools," said Megan Kuhfeld, a researcher at NWEA. "We can't pinpoint one specific cause."

The pandemic's effects on older children's academic achievement are well-documented. COVID-19 forced kids out of classrooms and into online learning. Students lost out on face time with instructors, their mental health suffered in the isolation, and their well-being deteriorated as some families endured hardship. Some schoolchildren stopped



showing up to school altogether.

The federal government gave billions of dollars to school districts to help students catch up — with mixed results. In 2024, reading scores for fourth- and eighth-graders continued a downward slide, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Math scores, however, trended upward.

Testing for younger kids is less common, so the NWEA report offers insights into the depth of the academic disruption. It's based on assessments given to students in the 2024-25 school year.

Kindergarten scores for math and science remained roughly the same throughout the pandemic. First and second graders are trending in the same way as their older peers. Math and reading scores are still falling short of pre-pandemic levels, although math scores are slowly rising. Reading scores have remained roughly the same since the spring of 2021, when the first full school year in the pandemic was wrapping up.

It's unclear what is depressing the scores. Kuhfeld

Karter Hardeman, 7, left, and Janayla Ralsey, 8, center, read with volunteer Joshua Banks, right, during an after-school literacy program through the Pure Hope Project in Atlanta on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

pointed to emerging data showing that fewer parents are reading to their children, an activity that has been shown to boost literacy. A 2024 survey of parents in the United Kingdom found that less than half of children under 5 were regularly read to, a 20-point drop from a dozen years prior. Less than half of parents indicated they enjoyed reading to their kids, too.

Schools are beginning to make concessions to accommodate students with weaker literacy skills and

short attention spans. Many teachers no longer assign books to their students.

In Minnetonka Public Schools outside Minneapolis, school leaders say that while reading scores dipped during the pandemic, they have since recovered. Teachers now focus more on phonics and also regularly assess students on literacy. Students who are behind receive extra help on the parts of reading where they struggle. A student who has difficulty reading aloud might be asked to read to

one of their classmates, for example.

But some things are out of the district's control. During the pandemic, Associate Superintendent Amy LaDue said, many young children were homebound. They missed out on activities like going to museums and playing with other children, which are helpful for language and literacy development. She believes that's one factor that continues to hamper kids, especially those from low-income families.

"These kids weren't in school when the pandemic happened, but (some) were ... in early childhood and preschool," LaDue said. "Their opportunities ... to have those experiences outside of their home that build literacy skills and to apply them with peers probably were impacted because they were home."

Along with interventions at school, a growing number of states and cities are investing in pre-kindergarten to help children with early literacy. California has introduced universal pre-kindergarten, and New York City is expanding its pre-kindergarten program to 2-year-olds, giving toddlers an early start on learning. New Mexico has made child care free for nearly all families.



Books sit on shelves in an elementary school library in suburban Atlanta, on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023.

Tax Scams Are on the Rise. Here's What to Know

By CORA LEWIS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Robocalls, texts, and phishing emails from scammers are up this tax season compared to previous years, with artificial intelligence likely increasing fraud attempts, according to the consumer protection bureau of the Federal Trade Commission. Consumer advocates and government officials urge the public to stay wary, to stop and think before engaging with phone or text messages, and to remember the IRS will not contact you directly by text or phone.

Here's what to know.

'Tis the season for tax scams

Each year, the IRS releases its "Dirty Dozen" of tax scams that target taxpayers. At the top of the list is impersonation of the agency by email, text, and phone. The IRS reported over 600 social media impersonators during fiscal year 2025, and urges people not to "click links or open attachments from unexpected messages."

The IRS also reminds taxpayers it "does not leave urgent, threatening prerecorded messages, call to demand immediate payment, or threaten arrest."

Scammers often use alarming language and QR codes to send people to fake websites where they ask the taxpayer to "verify" accounts or enter personal information, according to the IRS. Links may also install malware or malicious software, such as ransomware, which could prevent access to files and private information. "AI-enabled IRS impersonation by phone (robocalls, voice mimicry, and spoofed caller ID)," is



IRS Headquarters, Washington DC

Wikipedia

also increasing, according to the agency. As phone scams evolve, AI provides new computer-generated tactics and spoofed caller identification to look legitimate.

In this vein, identity theft is one of the most common forms of fraud around tax season, according to Rosario Mendez, an attorney for the bureau of consumer protection at the FTC. Mendez defines this type of theft as the misuse of one's social security number or other personal information, often to collect a tax refund.

"People usually discover this when they go to file their tax returns and discover someone else has already filed," she said. "For the records of the IRS, that is, it's already happened. But it's not the person — it's an identity thief."

A deluge of scams

Eva Velasquez, CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center, said the ITRC has also tracked an increase in scams and identity theft attempts over the past sev-

eral years, likely aided by AI-generated messages.

"We're seeing an uptick in phishing emails, fake texts, and even phone calls," Velasquez said. "Scammers are trying to get you to engage in any manner - talk to them, click the link, share your personal data, or share access to your devices or accounts."

The "sheer volume and level of sophistication" suggests AI is being leveraged, according to Velasquez.

"'Deluge' is the best word I can think of, because it's relentless," she said.

"Type, don't tap."

Whenever possible, according to Velasquez, the best practice when receiving any of these messages is, "Type, don't tap." That is, rather than tapping on any link sent in any kind of message, type in the URL of the official website for the IRS (IRS.gov), or whichever agency is supposedly contacting you.

"Go to the source. Don't click any of those links," she

said. "If you didn't initiate the contact, don't engage."

Scammers hit all ages

According to Kathy Stokes, director of fraud prevention programs for the AARP, younger people more frequently file reports stating they've been scammed, but older individuals report losing more money than younger consumers.

"That's because they have more money to lose," she said.

If you suspect fraud, or a message seems suspicious, Stokes emphasized the importance of slowing down and talking to someone. When someone receives a notification that sounds strange, scary or urgent, if they stop to talk to a friend or family member or someone they trust, they can typically figure out it's a scam.

"That's also going to inoculate the people you share it with from falling for the scam," she said.

Ask for help if your identity is compromised

If someone has already used your social security number to file a tax return before you, it's important to let the IRS know.

You should also go to IdentityTheft.gov to report the theft, according to Mendez. At the end of that reporting process, the government will give you a personal recovery plan.

"If a scammer has used your social security number to file a tax return, it's possible the same thief could use it to open bank accounts, credit cards, or file for unemployment," she said. "Another worthwhile step is to monitor your credit report and freeze credit accounts so they can't be misused."

Alan Butler, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, echoed this, encouraging victims of scams to seek identity theft monitoring going forward as well. That said, he warns people not to pay high costs for these services, which are sometimes shady themselves, but to thoroughly vet the offerings.

"People can be victimized not only once with the theft of their identity, but a second time, because the monitoring services are trying to up-sell them," he said.

Filing a police report is also an option

If you've been the victim of a scam and you've lost money, you may also want to file a report with local police, according to Stokes.

"Even if you get pushback from local law enforcement, you should insist on the report," she said. "There may be a means of restitution for fraud victims down the road, and they would want that as a point of proof of what happened."

Gas

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that refiners store more fuel and replace lost supply during maintenance, and the profit-cap rules now sitting dormant. A new energy commission oversight division created by the law found an unexplained gasoline premium of about 41 cents per gallon between 2015 and 2024, costing drivers an estimated \$59 billion.

“Those are critically important laws,” said Kassie Siegel, director of the Climate Law Institute at the Center for Biological Diversity. “What that information shows is that Californians are at the mercy of a very few refiners with immense power.”

California’s oil industry strongly opposed the measures, and some economists remain skeptical of them. UC Berkeley energy economist Severin Borenstein warned that capping refinery profits during shortages could backfire.

“The last thing we need is to start trying to regulate refinery margins,” he said. “As much as people don’t like high gasoline prices, they really, really hate gas lines.”

By last August, refinery closures were looming and warnings of \$8-a-gallon gasoline circulated in Sacramento. Newsom and Democratic leaders were negotiating with the oil industry to boost production in Kern County — talks that produced a law that has since driven an uptick in drilling permits.

After Valero said it would close its Benicia refinery, Newsom directed Siva Gunda, vice chair of the California Energy Commission, to “redouble the state’s efforts to work closely with refiners on short- and long-term planning” and ensure a “reliable supply of transportation fuels.” Gunda responded with a series of recommendations that aligned largely with industry’s desires — among them a pause in the state’s profit-cap rule.

Against that backdrop, energy commissioners voted on Aug. 29 to delay the rules for five years. Ahead of the vote, Gunda said the delay would help boost “investor confidence” in the state’s oil refiners, “thereby ensuring a reliable in-state refining capacity.”

Oil industry representatives say the decision made sense — the profit-cap measures, they argued, miss the real problem.

“The real problem is California is an energy island — we’re losing 17% of our refining capacity,” said Zachary Leary, a lobbyist for the Western States Petroleum Association.

But Court, of Consumer Watchdog, said the governor “panicked,” leaving the state without the “hammer” it now needs.

“When you have this type of level of gas run up, you’re going to need those tools,” Court said.

The difficult middle of the energy transition

California has committed to phasing out fossil fuels by 2045 — but it still depends heavily on gasoline, and it is losing the refineries that produce it.

Phillips 66 last year shut its Los Angeles refinery, citing concerns about the sustainability of the California market. Valero is closing its Benicia refinery next month, pointing to a challenging regulatory environment.

“If you start losing refineries — as we are going to — and you don’t have an alternative source of supply, we’re going to start getting price spikes when there’s any sort of disruption at one of our refineries,” Borenstein said. “Or just during high demand periods.”

The challenge of reducing fossil fuel use while maintaining adequate supply has created what Gunda — Newsom’s point person in negotiations with the oil industry — calls the “mid-

transition.

“This is not going to be a smooth transition,” Gunda said last month in testimony to a state Senate committee. “Every time you lose a refinery, it’s going to be a double-digit percent of refined fuel lost in California. So that abrupt transition will mean an abrupt increase in imports.”

A global oil shock hits California

The recent jump in gasoline prices reflects a global oil shock tied to the war with Iran — not a policy change unique to California, experts said. But the surge highlights how exposed the state remains to global energy markets as it loses refining capacity and imports more crude and gasoline.

Since the conflict began, the international benchmark for crude oil has climbed more than \$25 a barrel — a shift that typically translates to about 60 cents per gallon at the pump, in line with the increase in California retail prices, argues Borenstein, of UC Berkeley.

“All of the change we’ve seen in the last couple of weeks is in line with the change in crude oil prices, and therefore is not California specific,” he said.

Newsom has made a similar argument, blaming the spike on global oil markets and the war with Iran rather than California policies. But analysts note that the state’s shrinking refinery base means global shocks land harder here than elsewhere.

A key concern is the Strait of Hormuz. Before the conflict, the narrow waterway carried more than 20 million barrels of oil a day — roughly one-fifth of global supply. Traffic is now at a standstill, and crude prices topped \$100 a barrel again — even after more than 30 countries announced releases from emergency reserves.

Ryan Cummings, chief of

staff at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policymaking, said a prolonged closure could push crude prices above \$130 or \$140 per barrel — driving California prices closer to \$7, with a worst-case scenario approaching \$10 at some stations.

Most analysts consider that outcome unlikely but no longer unthinkable.

“Right now, this doesn’t appear likely, but it is a worst-case scenario that is growing by the day,” Cummings said.

Competing ideas for what comes next

Siegel, of the Center for Biological Diversity, said California should move forward immediately to implement the profit-cap rules and require companies to hold larger fuel inventories.

“Our leaders shouldn’t rest until the rules are in place to prevent price gouging on top of volatility, and should not rest until people get their money back,” she said.

Economists say California’s biggest challenge may be infrastructure. Valero plans to close its Benicia refinery, which produces about 10% of the state’s gasoline, next month. In an analysis posted last year, Stanford economist Neale Mahoney and Cummings said California could offset lost refinery production with gasoline imports — if permitting allows refineries like Benicia to convert to fuel import terminals. Newsom said in January his administration is working with the company to continue importing gasoline into Northern California after its refinery operations close.

“If I was in the Legislature right now, all of my energies and effort would be built on, one, making sure that Benicia gets turned into an import terminal — and two, making sure whoever owns or operates that is not an incumbent,” Cummings said.

Court, of Consumer Watchdog, pointed to a

proposed Phillips 66 pipeline that could bring refined gasoline from Midwest refineries into the state — something California has never had, relying instead on in-state refining and marine imports. Dubbed the Western Gateway Pipeline, the project would build a new pipeline and reverse an existing one to move gasoline and diesel from central U.S. refineries to Arizona and California.

One state lawmaker has proposed expanding access to E85, a cheaper ethanol blend. Both ideas remain proposals without clear timelines.

Meanwhile, some oil companies and even some Democrats are warning California’s climate policies could raise production costs enough that refineries reconsider operating in California — adding another pressure point to an already strained supply picture.

The profit-cap rules that could penalize oil companies remain on hold until 2029. By then, California may have lost more refineries — and may still be grappling with the problem Newsom once promised to solve: gasoline price shocks in the country’s most unaffordable market.

Predator

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Coleman allegedly left his home and traveled to Riverside to meet the person — at which point he was taken into custody without incident at a fast food restaurant on Arlington Avenue.

Prosecutors said Coleman was confirmed to be a licensed psychologist, employed by the Nuvew Union School District in Nuevo. His most recent assignment was the Nuvew Bridge Early College High School. However, after his arrest, he immediately resigned his position with the district, according to the D.A.’s office.

Coleman has no documented prior felony convictions in California.

Online College

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of California Community Colleges. The association, along with a group representing independent faculty unions, has asked the Legislature to oppose increased funding for Calbright.

A March 5 report from the Legislative Analyst's Office found that Calbright is still falling short of its original purpose. "The evidence is mixed as to how well the college is reaching its target population of working adults not already accessing higher education," states the report, which assesses the governor's budget requests. "While the college is primarily enrolling working age students, many of these students already have bachelor's degrees. Furthermore, it is difficult to assess student outcomes. Although Calbright collects data on completion rates, employment, and earnings,

its metrics are not comparable to those reported by other community colleges."

The office recommended significant changes to the governor's proposal for Calbright, including policies that would likely result in less funding. Anticipating that the governor's full proposal may not happen, Calbright already plans to lay off 93 employees.

For Jez, with California Competes, the Legislative Analyst's Office is thinking too narrowly about Calbright. "Are we meeting a state need? That's what we need to be focused on," she said. "What do Californians need and how do we deliver it?"

A multimillion-dollar experiment

As K-12 enrollment declines and broader questions emerge about the purpose of college degrees, California's other community

colleges are increasingly targeting the same population of working adults that Calbright was designed to serve.

Almost half of all community college classes are online now, and despite pushback from some faculty, a few brick-and-mortar community colleges are beginning to offer a limited number of flexible, competency-based classes.

But Calbright is costly, spending more per student than the average community college.

"Questions also remain around Calbright's cost effectiveness," the Legislative Analyst's Office recent report stated. "In 2024-25, we estimate that Calbright spent about \$53,000 per award completed, compared to about \$35,000 across other community colleges."

The annual operating budget of Calbright is about

\$50 million, said Sarah Jimenez, a spokesperson for the college, which is roughly the same as the budget of Gavilan Joint Community College District in Gilroy. For comparison, the Gavilan district had nearly 500 faculty and staff in the fall, serving about 7,200 students, plus the costs of maintaining all of its buildings. Calbright has fewer than 200 faculty and staff for its roughly 6,000 online students.

As the college grows, Calbright "continues to explore" charging tuition at a similar rate to other local community colleges, said Jimenez. But she added that "moving to a fee model too swiftly" could create "barriers for many of our learners."

Do, the college's research and development vice president, said the high annual budget stems from technology demands and startup

costs, which are inherent in any new college. "The \$50 million annual budget is not just the operating costs. It is the administrative and infrastructure build that we've had to do." In addition to supporting its own students, Do said Calbright also conducts research and development on behalf of the entire community college system.

Hemingway said her education was well worth the state's investment. Her data analysis certificate has been helpful, she said, even if it hasn't led to a new job or a promotion just yet. A friend recently asked her to do some consulting on the side; at work, she said she's been able to give her boss more input about how the company can grow.

One of her salary goals is to make at least \$150,000 annually, she said, but later revised her answer. "The sky is the limit."

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material matter pursuant to Section 17913
of Business and Professions Code that the
registrant knows to be false is guilty of a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to
exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
/S/PEDRO LOZANO ANGUIANO
NOTICE - In accordance with subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name
statement generally expires at the end
of five years from the date on which it
was filed in the office of the county clerk,
except, as provided in subdivision section
17920, where it expires 40 days after
any change in the facts set forth in the
statement pursuant to section 17913 other
than a change in residence address or
registered owner. A new fictitious business
name statement must be filed before the
expiration. The filing of this statement does
not of itself authorize the use in this state
of a fictitious business name in violation
of the rights of another under Federal, State,
or Common Law (see section 14411 ET
SEQ., Business and Professions Code).
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH
THE COUNTY CLERK OF Riverside ON
2/20/2026.
PETER ALDANA

Schld:98418 Adld:33301 Custld:2054

Amended Order To Show Cause For
Change of Name

Case No. CVME2510770
To All Interested Persons: Adrian Armando
Ramos Martinez filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing names as
follows:
1 PRESENT NAME:
Adrian Armando Ramos Martinez
PROPOSED NAME:
Adrian Armando Ramos
The Court Orders that all persons
interested in this matter shall appear before
this court at the hearing indicated below
to show cause, if any, why the petition for
change of name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the name changes
described above must file a written
objection that includes the reasons for the
objection at least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and must
appear at the hearing to show cause why
the petition should not be granted. If no
written objection is timely filed, the court
may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice Of Hearing
Date: 4/2/2026 Time: 8:00am Dept. M205.
The address of the court is Superior Court
of California, County of Riverside, Menifee
Justice Center
27401 Menifee Center Drive, Menifee, CA
92584. A copy of this Order to Show Cause
shall be published at least once each week
for four successive weeks prior to the
date set for hearing on the petition in the
following newspaper of general circulation,
printed in this county:
Riverside
Date: 2/19/2026
Jason B. Galkin
Riverside Superior Court

Schld:98430 Adld:33305 Custld:2423

Trustee Sale #: Ord 1224021SCP Title
Order No: 92184609 APN: 338-091-
003 Notice of Trustee's Sale You are
in default under a notice of delinquent
assessment recorded 2/19/2025. Unless
you take action to protect your property,
it may be sold at a public sale. If you
need an explanation of the nature of the
proceedings against you, you should
contact a lawyer. On 3/26/2026 at 9:00
AM., MLG Assessment Recovery, LLC,
as the duly appointed trustee will sell all

right, title and interest held by the trustee,
but without covenant or warranty, express
or implied, regarding title, possession, or
encumbrances, to satisfy to the obligation
secured by the lien as set forth in that
certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment,
recorded on 2/19/2025 as Document
No. 2025-0048753 of Official Records in
the Office of the Recorder of Riverside
County, California, wherein this office is
the duly appointed trustee. The original
trustor (record owner at the time the
Notice of Delinquent Assessment was
recorded) was Stephanie L. Orduno.
Will sell at public auction to the highest
bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale
in lawful money of the United States, by
cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State
or national bank, a check drawn by a
state or federal credit union, or a check
drawn by a state or federal savings and
loan association, savings association, or
savings bank specified in section 5102 of
the Financial Code and authorized to do
business in this state.) At: In the area in
the front of 847 W. Sixth Street, Corona,
Ca 92882 Notice to potential bidders:
If you are considering bidding on this
property lien, you should understand that
there are risks involved in bidding at the
trustee auction. You will be bidding on a
lien, not on the property itself. Placing the
highest bid at a trustee auction does not
automatically entitle you to free and clear
ownership of the property. You should also
be aware that the lien being auctioned off
may be a junior lien. If you are the highest
bidder at the auction, you are or may be
responsible for paying off the liens senior
to the lien being auctioned off, before
you can receive clear title to the property.
You are encouraged to investigate the
existence, priority, and size of outstanding
liens that may exist on this property by
contacting the county recorder's office or
a title insurance company, either of which
may charge you a fee for this information.
If you consult either of these resources,
you should be aware that the same lender
may hold more than one mortgage or
deed of trust on the property. Notice to
property owner: The sale date shown
on this notice of sale may be postponed
one or more times by the mortgagee,
beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant

to Section 2924g of the California Civil
Code. The law requires that information
about trustee sale postponements be
made available to you and to the public,
as a courtesy to those not present at the
sale. If you wish to learn whether your
sale date has been postponed, and, if
applicable, the rescheduled time and date
for the sale of the property, you may call
949-860-9155 or visit this internet web site
www.innovativefieldservices.com, using
the Trustee Sale number listed above.
Information about postponements that are
very short in duration or that occur close
in time to the scheduled sale may not
immediately be reflected in the telephone
information or on the internet web site.
The best way to verify postponement
information is to attend the scheduled sale.
All right, title and interest under said Notice
of Delinquent Assessment in the property
situated in said County, describing the
land as follows: as more fully described in
the above referenced Notice of Delinquent
Assessment. The street address and other
common designation, if any of the real
property described above is purported to
be: 29338 Murrieta Rd. Menifee, Ca 92586
This sale is subject to a 90-day right of
redemption pursuant to Civil Code 5715.
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any
liability for any incorrectness of the street
address and other common designation,
if any, shown herein. Said sale will be
made, but without covenant or warranty,
expressed or implied, regarding title,
possession, or encumbrances, to pay
the remaining principal sum due under
said Notice of Delinquent Assessment,
with interest thereon, as provided in said
notice, advances, if any, reasonably
estimated fees, charges, and expenses
of the Trustee, reasonably estimated
to be \$13,345.23. Accrued Interest and
additional advances, if any, will increase
this figure prior to sale. The claimant,
Ranch of the Sun Homeowner Association,
Inc, under said Notice of Delinquent
Assessment heretofore executed and
delivered to the undersigned a written
Declaration of Default and Demand for
Sale, and a written Notice of Default and
Election to Sell. The undersigned caused
said Notice of Default and Election to Sell
to be recorded in the county where the

real property is located and more than
three months have elapsed since such
recordation. Notice to tenant: You may
have a right to purchase this property after
the trustee auction pursuant to Section
2924m of the California Civil Code. If you
are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can
purchase the property if you match the
last and highest bid placed at the trustee
auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you
may be able to purchase the property if you
exceed the last and highest bid placed at
the trustee auction. There are three steps
to exercising this right of purchase. First,
48 hours after the trustee sale, you may
obtain information using the trustee sale
number assigned to this case to find the
date on which the trustee's sale was held,
the amount of the last and highest bid, and
the address of the trustee. This information
is available by calling telephone number
949-860-9155 or by visiting this internet
website www.innovativefieldservices.com
. Second, you must send a written notice
of intent to place a bid so that the trustee
receives it no more than fifteen (15) days
after the trustee's sale. Third, you must
submit a bid so that the trustee receives
it no more than fortyfive (45) days after
the trustee's sale. If you think you may
qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or
"eligible bidder," you should consider
contacting an attorney or appropriate real
estate professional immediately for advice
regarding this potential right to purchase.
The Trustee authorized by the Association
to enforce the lien by sale is MLG
Assessment Recovery, LLC, P.O. Box
2005, Beaumont, Ca 92223; phone (714)
893-9919. For Sales Information Please
Call: 949-860-9155 or visit this Web Site:
www.innovativefieldservices.com We are a
debt collector attempting to collect a debt.
Any information obtained from you will be
used for this purpose. Date: 2/18/2026
MLG Assessment Recovery, LLC P.O.
Box 2005 Beaumont, Ca 92223 Overnight
Mailing Address: MLG Assessment
Recovery, LLC 950 Beaumont Avenue Unit
2005 Beaumont, Ca 92223 Tiffany Lawver,
Authorized Signature for MLG Assessment
Recovery, LLC, Trustee, Agent for Ranch
of the Sun Homeowner Association, Inc
(IFS# 43091 03/06/26, 03/13/26, 03/20/26)

Schld:98535 Addl:33343 Custld:2054

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ANGEL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ
CASE NO. PRR12600205

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANGEL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARIA PETRA GONZALEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARIA PETRA GONZALEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/21/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 4050 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the

court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
RAQUEL CRUZ - SBN 256399
RAQUEL CRUZ, INC., APLC
4010 WATSON PLAZA DR., SUITE 200
LAKEWOOD CA 90712
Telephone (562) 672-3577
3/13, 3/20, 3/27/26
CNS-4021390#
PERRIS PROGRESS

Schld:98563 AdId:33351 CustId:61

Job No. P26-026
NOTICE INVITING SEALED
PROPOSALS (BIDS) PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 1 – NOTICE OF BIDS

The CITY OF PERRIS invites online bids on Planet Bids, until 2:00 P.M. (PST), on March 27, 2026, for comprehensive fire alarm monitoring, inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair services across multiple City facilities. Services include 24-hour central station monitoring, annual inspection and testing in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standards, including NFPA 72 – National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, system programming, troubleshooting, and oncall maintenance for fire alarm and intrusion detection systems.

In order to be considered in the selection process, interested parties shall submit their Proposals online up to the time mentioned above. Late proposals will not be accepted.

The specifications are available online to download through the Planet Bids website which can also be accessed through the City of Perris website: (<https://www.cityofperris.org/ourcity/cityhall/bidsrfps>). All Bidders will be required to hold their original bid prices, without change, for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date bids are opened, except to the extent relief is available pursuant to Public Contract Code, Section 5100 et. seq.

Award of Contract is expected on April 28, 2026.

The last day to submit technical inquiries shall be March 18, 2026, by 2:00 P.M. (PST). All inquiries will be submitted through Planet Bids. All addenda shall be posted on the City website and contractors are to check the site during the bidding process. All addenda are to be acknowledged for a valid bid.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities, irregularities in the bidding. All contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity laws and regulations. The City hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in regard to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Moreover, the City will not discriminate against any person or firm interested in providing goods or services to the City on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, veteran's status or handicap. Bidders are advised that it has been determined that DBE's could reasonably be expected to compete for opportunities on this project, and that there is likely a certain percentage of availability on this project. The City also advises that participation of DBE's in the specific percentage is not a condition of award.

Schld:98566 AdId:33352 CustId:1759

Order To Show Cause For Change of Name
Case No. CVMV2601808
To All Interested Persons: Anthony Bryant Matute filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1 PRESENT NAME:
Anthony Bryant Matute
PROPOSED NAME:
Anthony Bryant Herrera
The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before

this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice Of Hearing
Date: 4/22/2026 Time: 8:00am Dept. MV2.
The address of the court is Riverside Superior Court, Moreno Valley Branch, 13800 Heacock St., #D201, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Riverside
Date: 3/2/2026
Jason B. Galkin
Riverside Superior Court

Schld:98598 AdId:33361 CustId:2347

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-03336-RMCATitle No. RTSG2511-CA-3955496 APN. 340250045 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/07/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Carol Jean South, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 10/13/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0845531 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Riverside County, California. Date of Sale: : 04/28/2026 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: In front of the (Historic) Corona Civic Center, 815 W. Sixth Street, Corona, CA 92882 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$452,097.67 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 29533 Springside Drive, Menifee, CA 92584 A.P.N.: 340250045 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior

lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 25-03336-RMCA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-03336-RMCA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE: To the extent that the sale is subject to Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031), purchaser agrees to provide all required information and further agrees to reimburse trustee for any costs, expenses or fees incurred as a result of the collection of such information *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended, Date: 03/12/2026 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Deandre Garland, Trustee Sales Representative A-4868794 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026, 04/03/2026

Schld:98618 AdId:33368 CustId:64

Order To Show Cause For Change of Name
Case No. CVME2600241
To All Interested Persons: Raul Elias Armando Velasquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1 PRESENT NAME:
Raul Elias Armando Velasquez
PROPOSED NAME:
Elias Armando Soto
The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the

objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice Of Hearing
Date: 7/9/2026 Time: 8:00am Dept. M205.
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Menifee Justice Center, 27401 Menifee Center Drive, Menifee, CA 92584.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Riverside
Date: 3/16/2026
Jason B. Galkin
Riverside Superior Court

Schld:98634 AdId:33373 CustId:2423

Order To Show Cause For Change of Name
Case No. CVME2600242
To All Interested Persons: Sharon Jacqueline Velasquez-Soto filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
1 PRESENT NAME:
Sharon Jacqueline Velasquez-Soto
PROPOSED NAME:
Sharon Jacqueline Soto
The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice Of Hearing
Date: 7/9/2026 Time: 8:00am Dept. M205.
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Menifee Justice Center, 27401 Menifee Center Drive, Menifee, CA 92584.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Riverside
Date: 3/16/2026
Jason B. Galkin
Riverside Superior Court

Schld:98638 AdId:33374 CustId:2423

File No.: R-202603320
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS:
1. THE BEAUTY HOUR
3718 STEEPLE WAY, PERRIS, CA 92570
Riverside County
Full Name of Registrant:
1. JACKALINE LOPEZ 3718 STEEPLE WAY PERRIS, CA 92570
This Business is conducted by:
INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/01/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares information as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
/S/JACKALINE LOPEZ
NOTICE - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in residence address or registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of

the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF Riverside ON 3/9/2026.
PETER ALDANA

Schld:98653 AdId:33379 CustId:2054

File No.: R-202603834
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS:
1. HOPEBOUND
39639 WILDFLOWER DRIVE, MURRIETTA, CA 92563
Riverside County
Full Name of Registrant:
1. HOLMES MERIDIAN HOLDINGS 39639 WILDFLOWER DRIVE MURRIETA, CA 92563
This Business is conducted by:
CORPORATION.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares information as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
/S/HEATHER HOLMES
NOTICE - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in residence address or registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF Riverside ON 3/17/2026.
PETER ALDANA

Schld:98657 AdId:33380 CustId:2054

File No.: R-202603534
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS:
1. HEALTH YOURSELF LLC
53 SIERRA MADRE WAY, RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270
Riverside County
Full Name of Registrant:
1. HEALTH YOURSELF LLC 53 SIERRA MADRE WAY RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270
This Business is conducted by: LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/10/2025.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares information as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
/S/RACHEL FELBER
NOTICE - In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in residence address or registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code). THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF Riverside ON 3/11/2026.
PETER ALDANA

Schld:98667 AdId:33383 CustId:2054

Temescal Canyon's #20 Harper Thompson exploits a seam in the block, driving a deceptive off-speed cut shot deep into the cross-court.

Temescal Canyon hosted Tahquitz at home on Tuesday night taking the series 3-0 in a battle of the Titans.

#3 Tahquitz Esteban Valle and Temescal Canyon's #21 Logan Miller battle at the tape in a high-stakes joust at the net.

Reading the defense perfectly, Tahquitz #13 Greydon Gudat catches the blockers leaning and executes a clinical setter dump into the open court.

Tahquitz #13 Greydon Gudat and #14 Leonel Islas form a "roof" at the net, stonewalling a Temescal Canyon attack with a solid double-block.

Tahquitz #1 Immanuel Daen rises for a high-amplitude attack, connecting on a deep set to the outside.

#7 Kevin Garcia attempts to power through a formidable Temescal Canyon double-block at the net.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball			
Ayala	5	Centennial	3
Norco	8	Centennial	4
Roosevelt	15	Patriot	0
Roosevelt	7	Whittier Christian	0
Santiago	11	Roosevelt	3
Roosevelt	21	St. Margaret's	0
Corona	3	King	0
King	10	JW North	3
Norco	3	Gahr	0
Norco	1	Great Oak	0
Santiago	8	Chino Hills	4
Temecula Valley	6	Basic	3
Temecula Valley	7	Bishop Gorman (NV)	4
Chaparral	12	Cornerstone Christian	1
Katella	14	Chaparral	3
Woodcrest Christian	6	Chaparral	5
Murrieta Mesa	8	Fallbrook	4
Temescal Canyon	7	Murrieta Mesa	5
Linfield Christian	5	Murrieta Valley	2
Aliso Niguel	9	Murrieta Valley	4
Aliso Niguel	5	Murrieta Valley	3
Murrieta Valley	4	El Toro	2
San Clemente	7	Vista Murrieta	3
Vista Murrieta	13	Yucaipa	5
Dana Hills	8	Great Oak	6
Great Oak	4	Kennedy	1
Rancho Christian	13	Hillcrest	0
Rancho Christian	18	Hillcrest	7
Lakeside	3	Orange Vista	2
Orange Vista	9	Lakeside	3
Valley View	7	Citrus Hill	1
Valley View	10	Citrus Hill	2
Jurupa Hills	8	Orange Vista	2
Moreno Valley	14	Heritage	2
Moreno Valley	5	Heritage	3
Valley View	13	Heritage	5
Paloma Valley	7	Poly	6 (8)
Poly	6	Paloma Valley	1
Moreno Valley	7	Ontario Christian	1
Arlington	5	Liberty	0
Arlington	1	Liberty	0
Vista del Lago	13	Perris	9
Vista del Lago	13	Perris	3
Nuvier Bridge	5	JW North	0
Hemet	3	Canyon Springs	2
Canyon Springs	10	Hemet	7
Rancho Verde	7	Notre Dame	2
Elsinore	5	Rancho Verde	4